Petitioner

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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This matter comes before the Deputy Zoning Commissioner as Petitions for Special Hearing, Special Exception and Zoning Variance filed by the legal owner of the subject property, Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, by and through its attorneys, John B. Howard, Esquire and Robert A. Hoffman, Esquire. More specifically, the Petitioner requests a special hearing to approve an amendment to the previously approved special exception to permit the construction of additional public utility service center facilities on the subject property; a special exception for the construction and operation of an outdoor electric public utility service center (electric substation in a D.R. zone); and a variance requesting relief from Sections 1801.1.B.1.e.3 and 1801.1.B.1.e.5 of Article 1B of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit the construction of public utility service center facilities (electric substation) in the 50-foot RTA buffer and 75-foot setback areas, and the construction of 115kV Circuit Interrupter Switch and transmission structures 40 feet in height within the 100-foot residential transition area in lieu of the 35-foot height limitation, if required by the Zoning Commissioner, all as more particularly described on Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Appearing on behalf of the Petitioner was William R. Colburn, Esquire, in-house counsel for Petitioner. Also appearing on behalf of the

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Petitioner were Walt Reiter, Real Estate Appraiser; Chuck Lacey, Project Manager for BG & E; Ray Cullen, Substation Planner for BG & E; and Bonnie Johansen and Ed Carmen, all of whom are associated with BG & E. There were no Protestants.

Testimony indicated that the subject property, known as the Windy Edge Substation, consists of 1.14 acres more or less, split zoned D.R. 3.5 and 5.5 and is part of a larger tract containing 51.09 acres of land. The subject 1.14 acre tract of land is the site of the proposed substation and is located off of Northwind Road, approximately 163 feet north of Fontaine Drive. The proffered testimony indicated that the proposed substation is necessary due to increased development in the surrounding area of Baltimore .County. Testimony indicated that this particular substation will also reduce the load on surrounding substations and will result in a more efficient and better distribution of electric to citizens in this area.

Testimony revealed that the proposed substation cannot be located in an area that is traversed by overhead power lines. Petitioner's Exhibit 2, an aerial photograph of the subject site, demonstrates that the proposed site is the only feasible location for the substation due to the many overhead power lines existing in this area. As a result of the limitations imposed by this site, the requested variances are necessary.

Testimony further revealed that the Petitioner approached several of the homeowners in the adjacent subdivisions, all of whom had no opposition to the Petitioner's request. It should be noted that the aerial photograph marked Petitioner's Exhibit 2 also evidenced that an adequate amount of screening and landscaping exists between the entire 51.09-acre tract and the two adjoining subdivisions known as Northwind Village, Section III, and Harmony Hills, Section II.

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it is clear that practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship would result if the relief requested in the special hearing were not granted. has been established that the requirements from which the Petitioner seeks relief would unduly restrict the use of the land due to the special conditions unique to this particular parcel. In addition, the relief requested will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, and general welfare.

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented,

It is clear that the B.C.Z.R. permits the use proposed in the D.R. 3.5 and 5.5 zones by special exception. It is equally clear that the proposed use would not be detrimental to the primary uses in the vicinity Therefore, it must be determined if the conditions as delineated in Section 502.1 are satisfied.

The Petitioner had the burden of adducing testimony and evidence which would show that the proposed use met the prescribed standards and requirements set forth in Section 502.1 of the B.C.Z.R. The Petitioner has shown that the proposed use would be conducted without real detriment to the neighborhood and would not adversely affect the public interest. The facts and circumstances do not show that the proposed use at the particular location described by Petitioner's Exhibit 1 would have any adverse impact above and beyond that inherently associated with such a special exception use, irrespective of its location within the zone. Schultz v. Pritts, 432 A.2d 1319 (1981)

The proposed use will not be detrimental to the health. safety. or general welfare of the locality, nor tend to create congestion in roads, streets, or alleys therein, nor be inconsistent with the purposes of the property's zoning classification, nor in any other way be inconsistent with the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R.

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After reviewing all of the testimony and evidence presented, it appears that the special exception should be granted with certain restrictions as more fully described below.

An area variance may be granted where strict application of the zoning regulations would cause practical difficulty to the Petitioner and his property. McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973). To prove practical difficulty for an area variance, the Petitioner must meet the following:

> 1) whether strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily burdensome:

2) whether the grant would do substantial injustice to applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give substantial relief; and

3) whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

Anderson v. Bd. of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28

It is clear from the testimony that if the variance is granted, such use, as proposed, will not be contrary to the spirit of the B.C.Z.R. and will not result in any injury to the public good

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is clear that practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship will result if the variance is not granted. It has been established that special circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the land or structure which is the subject of this variance request and that the requirements from which the Petitioner seeks relief will unduly restrict the use of the land due to the special conditions unique to this particular parcel In addition, the variance requested will not cause any injury to the pub-

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lic health, safety or general welfare. Further, the granting of the Petitioner's request is in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of the

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on these Petitions held, and for the reasons given above, the relief requested in the special hearing, special exception and variance

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for day of July, 1992 that the Petition for Special Hearing to approve of an amendment to the previously approved special exception to permit the construction of additional public utility service center facilities on the subject property, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the restrictions set forth hereinafter; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Special Exception to permit the construction and operation of an outdoor electric public utility service center (electric substation in a D.R. zone), in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the restrictions set forth hereinafter; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Zoning Variance requesting relief from Sections 1801.1.B.1.e.3 and 1801.1.B.1.e.5 of Article 1B of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit the construction of public utility service center facilities (electric substaconstruction of public utility service center facilities (electric substation) in the 50-foot RTA buffer and 75-foot setback areas, and the construction of 115kV Circuit Interrupter Switch and transmission structures

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in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restrictions:

> 1) The Petitioners may apply for their building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioners would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

2) Prior to the issuance of any permits, the Petitioner shall provide additional landscaping along the border of the proposed substation and the adjoining subdivisions known as Northwind Village, Section III, and Harmony Hills, Section II.

3) When applying for a building permit, the site plan and landscaping plan filed must reference this case and set forth and address the restrictions of this Order.

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Kotrow Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

Suite 113 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-4386

July 9, 1992

Robert A. Hoffman, Esquire Venable, Baetjer & Howard 210 Allegheny Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Case No. 92-441-SPHXA

RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING, SPECIAL EXCEPTION AND ZONING VARIANCE N/S Northwind Road, 163' N of Fontaine Drive, W of Ferguson Avenue (Windy Edge Substation) 11th Election District - 5th & 6th Councilmanic Districts Baltimore Gas & Electric Company - Petitioner

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petitions for Special Hearing, Special Exception and Zoning Variance have been granted in accordance with the attached

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact Ms. Charlotte Radcliffe at 887-3391.

> Very truly yours, TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO Deputy Zoning Commissioner

for Baltimore County

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cc: People's Counsel

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Special Hearing under Section 500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, to determine whether or not the Zoning Commissioner and/or Deputy Zoning Commissioner should approve an amendment to existing special exceptions to permit the construction of additional public utility service center facilities on the site. Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations I, or we, agree to pay expenses of the above Special Hearing advertising, posting, etc., upon fling of this Petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County. I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition Contract Purchaser/Leases: Legal Owner(s): Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (Type or Print Name) (Type or Print Name) By:

Signature H. D. Coss, Jr. Vice President
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Liectric Interconnection (Type or Print Name) Attorney for Petitioner: P. O. Box 1475 234-5669 John B. Howard, Esquire Address Phone No. Baltimore, NO 21203 City and State 210 Allegheny Avenue tract purchaser or representative to be contacted William E. Colburn, Esquire Name Baltimore Gas and Electric Company P. O. Box 1475 Baltimore, MD 21203 rney's Telephone No.: _594-5200 ESTIMATED LENGTH OF HEARING MON./TUES./WED. - NEXT TWO MONTHS MICROFILMED

Petition for Special Hearing

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County 92-441-5PHXA

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By:

Signature H. O. Coss, Jr. - Vice President
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and Transmission of Name Baltimore Gas and Electric Company

BEGINNING at a point on the centerline of Ferguson Avenue which is fifty-five feet (55') wide and being approximately 163 feet north of the centerline of Fontaine Drive fifty foot (50') wide as shown on "Plat of Section 2 North Wind Village", as recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County, Maryland in Plat Book O.T.G. 34 at Folio 112. THENCE, leaving said point in accordance with a survey by Michael Baker, Jr., Inc., Beaver, PA., with the courses herein referenced to Baltimore County Plane Coordinate System, the following courses and distances: North 63° 13' 48" West, 188.96 feet: North 58° 20' 44" West, 318.38 feet; North 89° 03' 28" West, 532.83 feet; South 33° 10′ 32" West, 285.31 feet; South 18° 25' 48" West, 189.62 feet; South 00° 56' 32" West. 768.43 feet; South 78° 01' 33" West, 239.08 feet; North 00° 56' 32" East, 2,894.05 feet;

South 74° 03' 38" East, 1,507.36 feet;

South 22° 53′ 32" West, 1,078.13 feet;

11) South 44° 34′ 48″ East, 453.43 feet;

12) South 63° 13′ 48″ East, 125.59 feet;

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13) South 45° 13′ 32" West, 15.53 feet;

14) South 27° 13' 32" West, 135.27 feet to the place of beginning.

CONTAINING 2,225,374 square feet or 51.09 acres of land more or less. Said tract also

being known as Windy Edge Substation and is located in the 11th election district of Baltimore MICROFILMEL County, Maryland.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, located at 111 W. Chesspeaks avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

CASE MURBER: 92-441-SPHILE W/S Ferguson aVenue, 163' N of c/l Fontaine Drive Windy Edge Substation 11th Election District - 5th & 6th Councilmenic Petitioner(s): Baltimore was and Electric Company HEARING: THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 1992 at 9:00 a.m.

Special Exception for the construction and operation of an outdoor electric public utility service center (electric substation). Special Hearing to approve an amendment to existing special exception to permit the construction of additional public utility service center facilities on the site.

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William E. Colburn Lag. John B. Howard, Esq.

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John B. Howard, Esquire 210 Allegheny Avenue Towson, MD 21204

RE: Item No. 475, Case No. 92-441-SPHXA Petitioner: Balto. Gas & Electric Co. Petition for Special Exception

June 15, 1992

Dear Mr. Howard:

The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee (ZAC) has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. The attached comments from each reviewing agency are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties, i.e. Zoning Commissioner, attorney and/or the petitioner, are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case.

Enclosed are all comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition. If additional comments are received from other members of ZAC, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed in the hearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on the date of the enclosed filing certificate and a hearing scheduled accordingly.

The following comments are related only to the filing of future zoning petitions and are aimed at expediting the petition filing process with this office.

The Director of Zoning Administration and Development Management has instituted a system whereby seasoned zoning attorneys who feel that they are capable of filing petitions that comply with all aspects of the zoning regulations and petitions filing requirements can file their petitions with this office without the necessity of a preliminary review by Zoning personnel.

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Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management Office of Planning & Zoning

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

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Your petition has been received and accepted for filing this 13th day of May, 1992

Received By:

Petitioner: Baltimore Gas & Electric Co., et al Petitioner's Attorney: John B. Howard

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: May 26, 1992 Zoning Administration and Development Management

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting for May 25, 1992

FROM: Robert W. Bowling, P.E.

Item 475

The Developers Engineering Division has reviewed the subject zoning item. The Baltimore Gas and Electric Company shall dedicate the right-of-way and revertible slope easements for North Wind Road and Ferguson Avenue (ultimate 60-foot rights-of-way).

The variance to build in a R.T.A. buffer should be denied. If any variances are granted, the adjacent impacted residences should receive extensive landscape buffering. Polet W. Bowling / DAK ROBERT W. BOWLING, P.E., Chief

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: May 26, 1992 Zoning Administration and Development Management

FROM: Robert W. Bowling, P.E. Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting for May 25, 1992

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING New Courts Building 401 Bosley Avenue Towson, MD 21204

MEMORANDUM

Arnold Jablon, Director - Zoning Administration & Development

Ervin McDaniel, Chief

Development Review Section Office of Planning and Zoning

PETITIONS FROM ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE - May 18, 1992

The Office of Planning and Zoning has no comments on the following petitions:

Baltimore Gas & Electric Co. - Item 475

Douglas Holtschneider

- Item 470

If there should be any further questions or if this office can provide additional information, please contact Francis Morsey in the Office of Planning and Zoning at 887-3211.

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Fire Department 700 East Joppa Road Suite 901 (301) 887-4500 Towson, MD 21204-5500 MAY 22, 1992 Arnold Jablon Director Zoning Administration and Development Management Baltimore County Office Building Towson, MD 21204 RE: Property Owner: BALTIMORE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY WINDY EDGE SUBSTATION Zoning Agenda: MAY 18, 1992 Item No.: +475 (JLL) Gentlemen: Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property. 7. The Fire Prevention Bureau has no comments at this time. Pire Prevention Bureau Special Inspection Division JP/KEK

Baltimore County Government

Development Review Committee Response Form Date 6/1/92

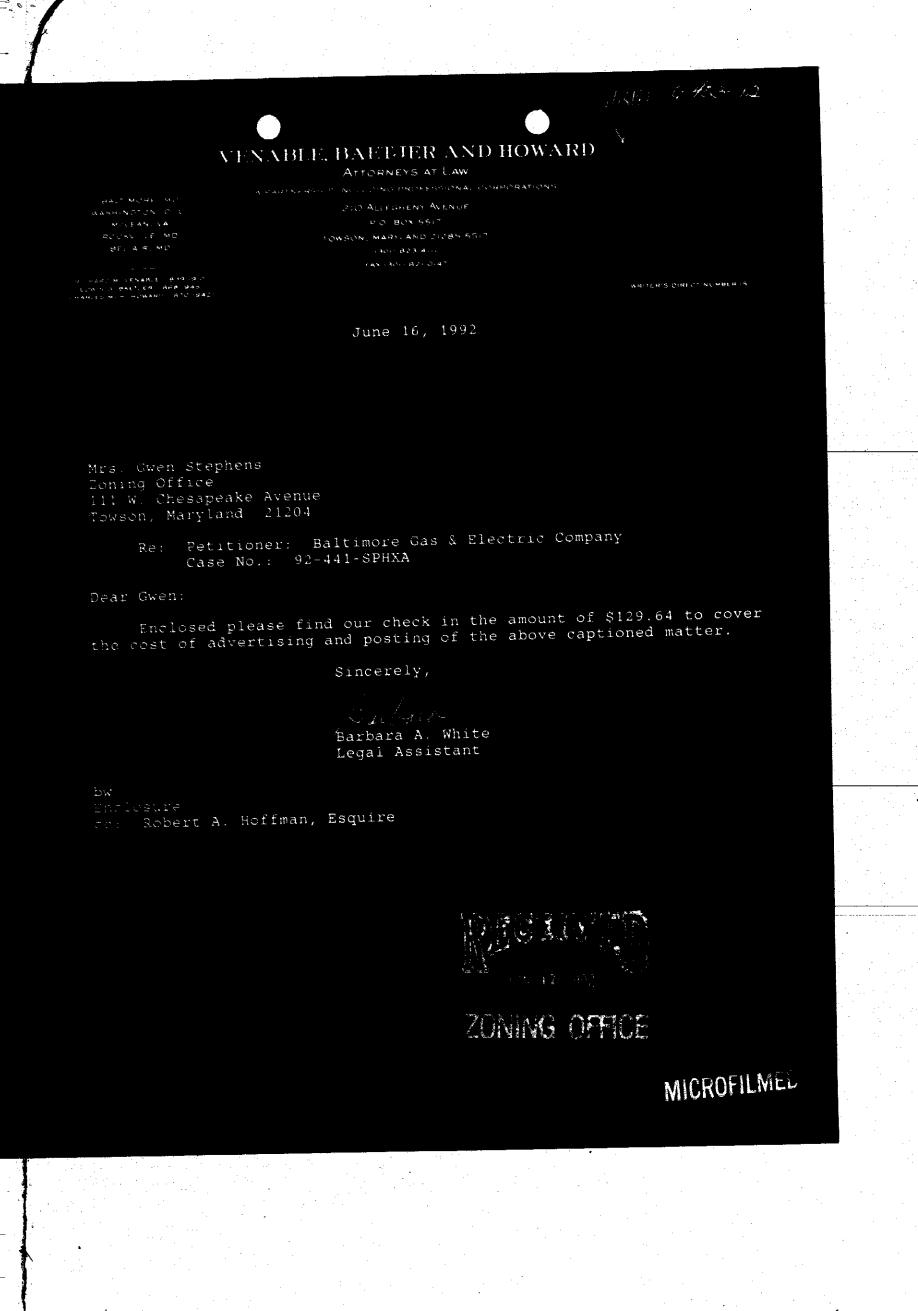
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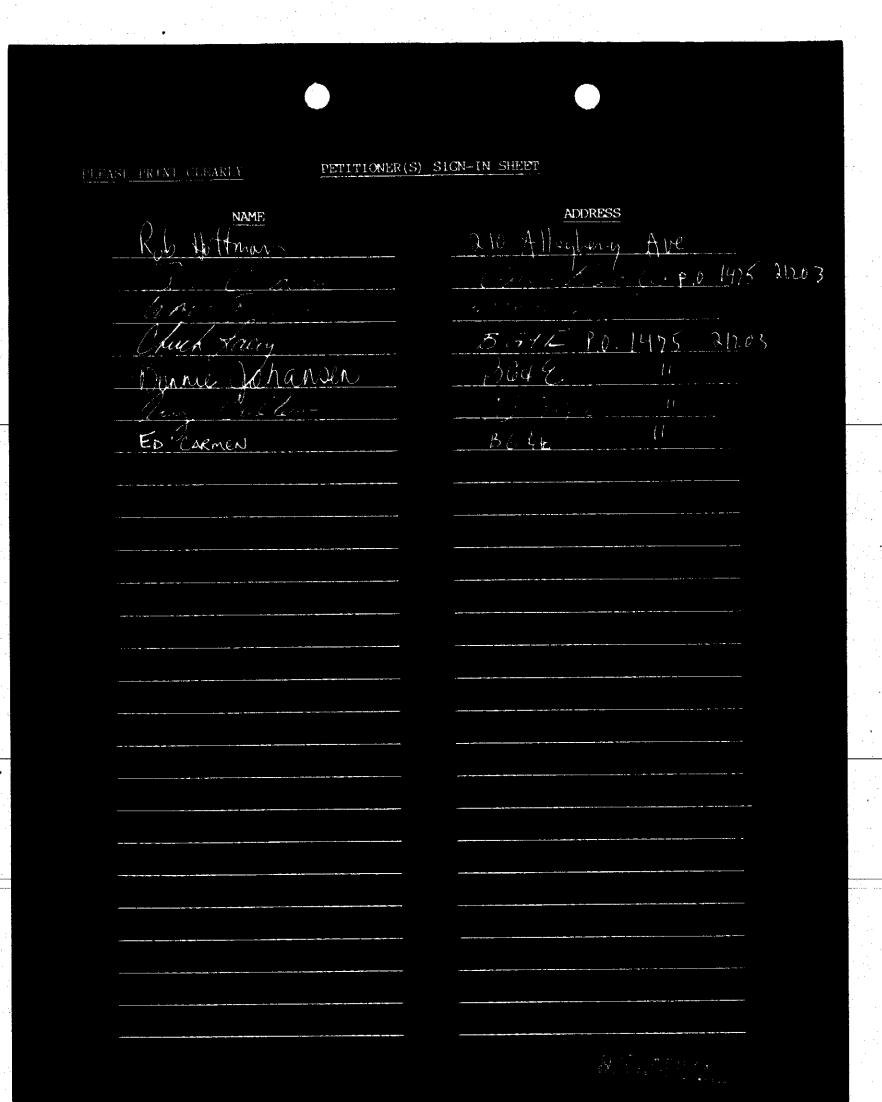
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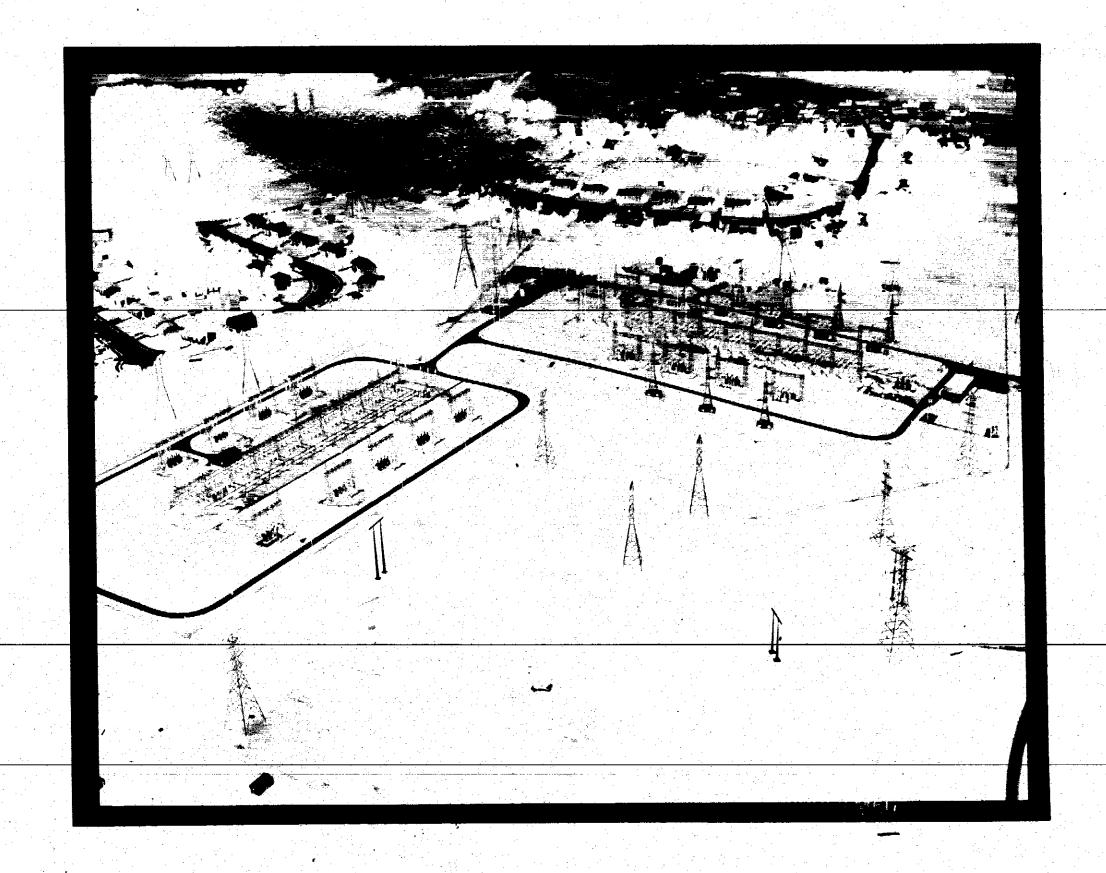
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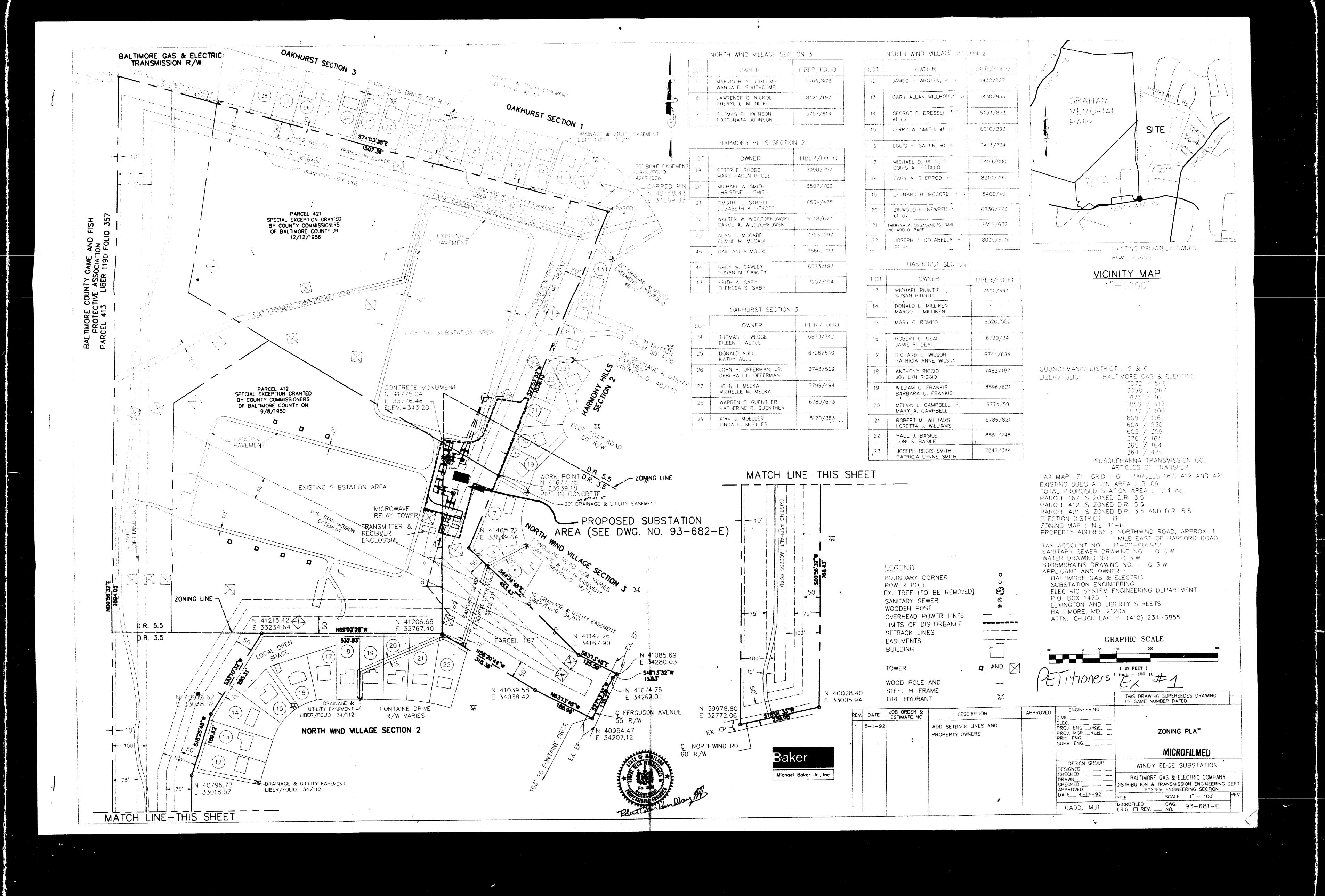
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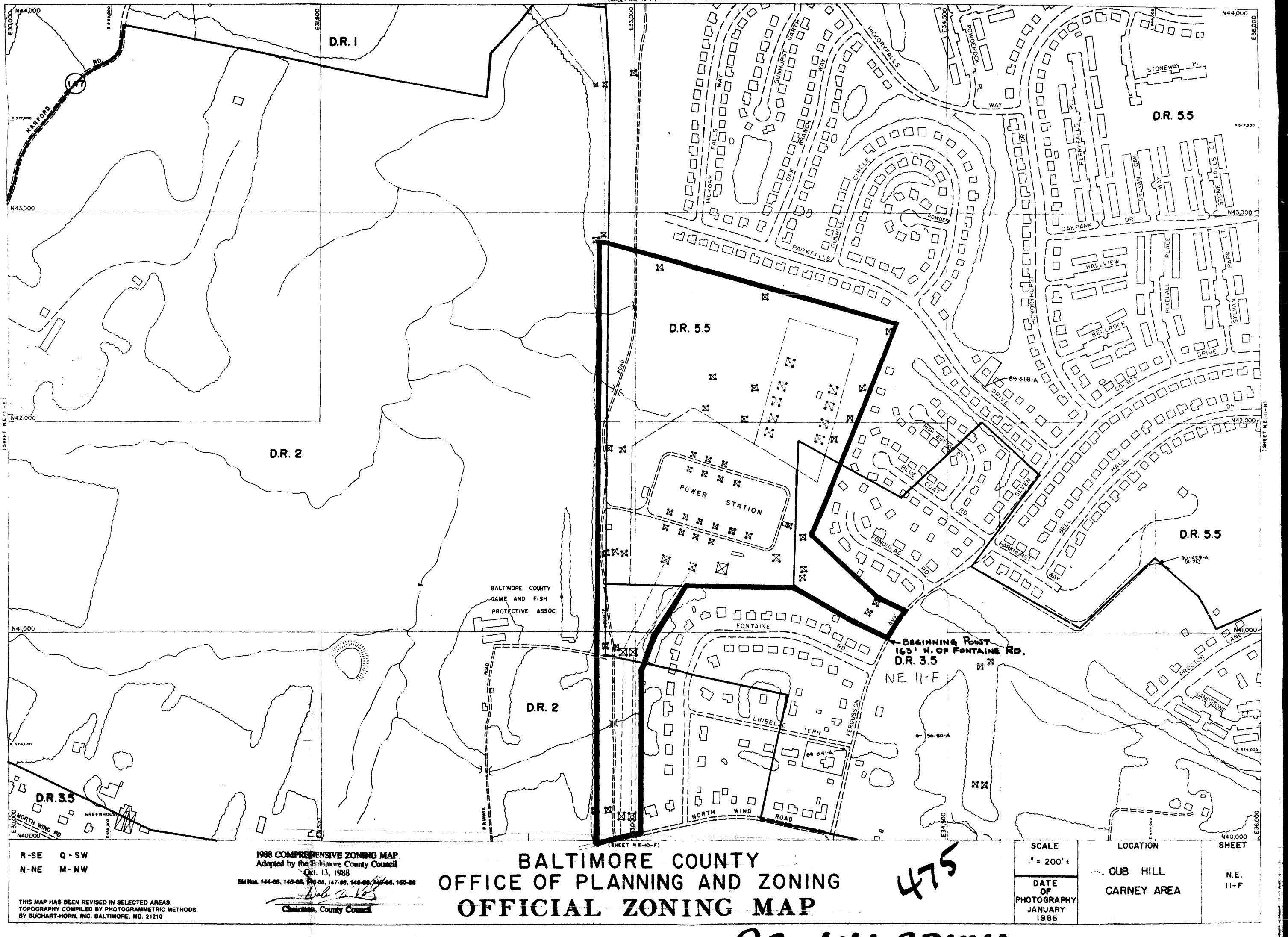
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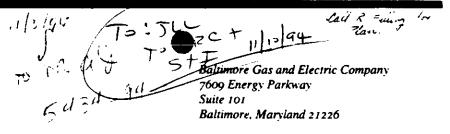






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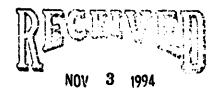




October 28, 1994



Mr. Arnold Jablon, Director Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management County Office Building 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204



Re: Section 26-171-a(7) Limited Exemption and Determination of Compliance with Spirit and Intent of Special Exception

Dear Mr. Jablon:

BGE owns and operates the Windy Edge Outdoor Electrical Substation located 1,200 feet north of North Wind Road, adjacent to our transmission line right-of-way, in Baltimore County. Windy Edge also contains a 200 foot communications tower and equipment building.

Our records indicate that two special exceptions were granted at this site: Case No. 1802-5, which granted construction of a substation and communications tower on September 9, 1950, and Case No. 92-441-SPHXA, allowing for the expansion of Windy Edge with a new distribution substation.

Associated with the communications tower is an existing 16' x 22' masonry shelter that houses BGE's communications equipment. BGE now requires an additional, larger enclosure to install its 800 Mhz radio system equipment and to allow Nextel and other communications companies to install their communications equipment at this

The proposed new unmanned enclosure will be located within our fenced substation on the south side of the existing shelter, in accordance with the attached location plan. The enclosure will be approximately 32' x 48' and we believe will meet all Baltimore County setback requirements. The existing communications equipment structure will be maintained on site.

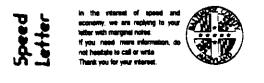
It is requested that you confirm that this new structure is a minor commercial structure under Section 26-171-a(7) and is within the spirit and intent of the original special exception approved on September 9, 1950

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Richard Filling Environmental Affairs

Yours truly,

cc: David Flowers, ZADM



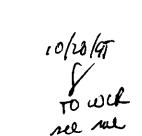
11th Election District

November 15, 1994

Dear Mr. Filling:

Along with an accompanying copy of this letter and response, please provide a red-lined copy of the approved site plans as approved in the zoning cases referenced in your letter indicating the loation of all proposed changes. A \$40.00 fee is required, made payable to Baltimore County. Please also provide a working. hours telephone number where the staff may contact you.

JLL:scj



5150-95 Baltimore Gas and Electric Company P.O. Box 1475 Baltimore, Maryland 21203-1475

October 19, 1995

Mr. Arnold Jablon, Director Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management County Office Building 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Determination of Compliance with Spirit and Intent of Special Exception

BGE owns and operates the Windy Edge Substation located at 3418 Northwind Road, adjacent to our transmission line right-of-way, in Baltimore County. Windy Edge also contains a 200 foot communications tower.

On October 28, 1994 BGE requested a Limited Exemption and a determination of Spirit and Intent of Special Exception. On December 29, 1994 we received confirmation that the Limited Exemption was granted (see attached) and we applied for a building permit on September 27, 1995. On October 19, 1995 we were told a determination on the Spirit and Intent was not addressed and that it was required in order for Zoning to approve Building Permit #B 249196

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There was no opposition to these special exceptions.

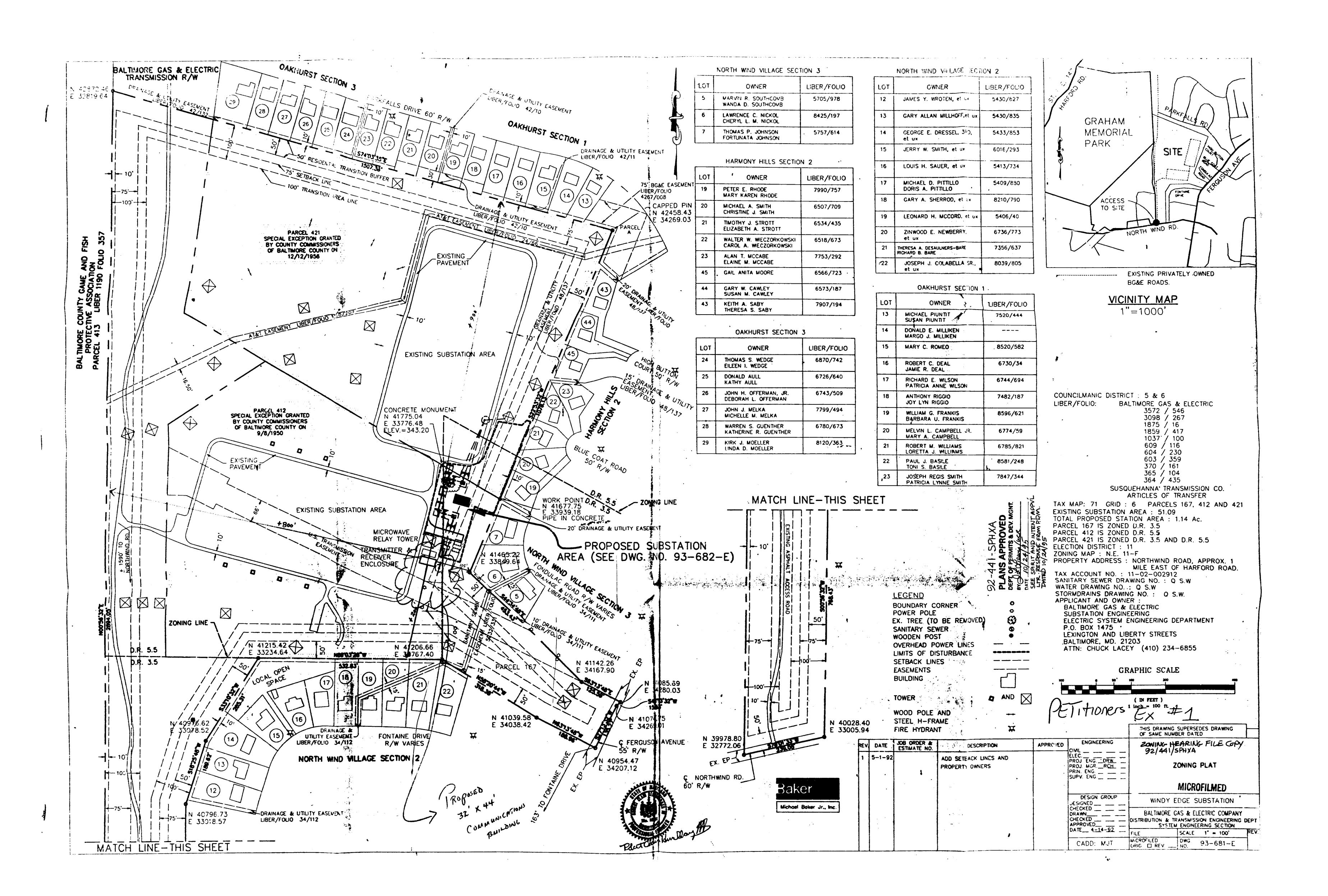
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By:

Signature H. O. Coss, Jr. - Vice President
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12) South 63° 13′ 48″ East, 125.59 feet;

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CONTAINING 2,225,374 square feet or 51.09 acres of land more or less. Said tract also

being known as Windy Edge Substation and is located in the 11th election district of Baltimore MICROFILMEL County, Maryland.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, located at 111 W. Chesspeaks avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

CASE MURBER: 92-441-SPHILE W/S Ferguson aVenue, 163' N of c/l Fontaine Drive Windy Edge Substation 11th Election District - 5th & 6th Councilmenic Petitioner(s): Baltimore was and Electric Company HEARING: THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 1992 at 9:00 a.m.

Special Exception for the construction and operation of an outdoor electric public utility service center (electric substation). Special Hearing to approve an amendment to existing special exception to permit the construction of additional public utility service center facilities on the site.

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William E. Colburn Lag. John B. Howard, Esq.

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John B. Howard, Esquire 210 Allegheny Avenue Towson, MD 21204

RE: Item No. 475, Case No. 92-441-SPHXA Petitioner: Balto. Gas & Electric Co. Petition for Special Exception

June 15, 1992

Dear Mr. Howard:

The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee (ZAC) has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. The attached comments from each reviewing agency are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties, i.e. Zoning Commissioner, attorney and/or the petitioner, are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case.

Enclosed are all comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition. If additional comments are received from other members of ZAC, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed in the hearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on the date of the enclosed filing certificate and a hearing scheduled accordingly.

The following comments are related only to the filing of future zoning petitions and are aimed at expediting the petition filing process with this office.

The Director of Zoning Administration and Development Management has instituted a system whereby seasoned zoning attorneys who feel that they are capable of filing petitions that comply with all aspects of the zoning regulations and petitions filing requirements can file their petitions with this office without the necessity of a preliminary review by Zoning personnel.

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111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

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Your petition has been received and accepted for filing this 13th day of May, 1992

Received By:

Petitioner: Baltimore Gas & Electric Co., et al Petitioner's Attorney: John B. Howard

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: May 26, 1992 Zoning Administration and Development Management

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting for May 25, 1992

FROM: Robert W. Bowling, P.E.

Item 475

The Developers Engineering Division has reviewed the subject zoning item. The Baltimore Gas and Electric Company shall dedicate the right-of-way and revertible slope easements for North Wind Road and Ferguson Avenue (ultimate 60-foot rights-of-way).

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OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING New Courts Building 401 Bosley Avenue Towson, MD 21204

MEMORANDUM

Arnold Jablon, Director - Zoning Administration & Development

Ervin McDaniel, Chief

Development Review Section Office of Planning and Zoning

PETITIONS FROM ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE - May 18, 1992

The Office of Planning and Zoning has no comments on the following petitions:

Baltimore Gas & Electric Co. - Item 475

Douglas Holtschneider

- Item 470

If there should be any further questions or if this office can provide additional information, please contact Francis Morsey in the Office of Planning and Zoning at 887-3211.

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Fire Department 700 East Joppa Road Suite 901 (301) 887-4500 Towson, MD 21204-5500 MAY 22, 1992 Arnold Jablon Director Zoning Administration and Development Management Baltimore County Office Building Towson, MD 21204 RE: Property Owner: BALTIMORE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY WINDY EDGE SUBSTATION Zoning Agenda: MAY 18, 1992 Item No.: +475 (JLL) Gentlemen: Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property. 7. The Fire Prevention Bureau has no comments at this time. Pire Prevention Bureau Special Inspection Division JP/KEK

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Development Review Committee Response Form Date 6/1/92

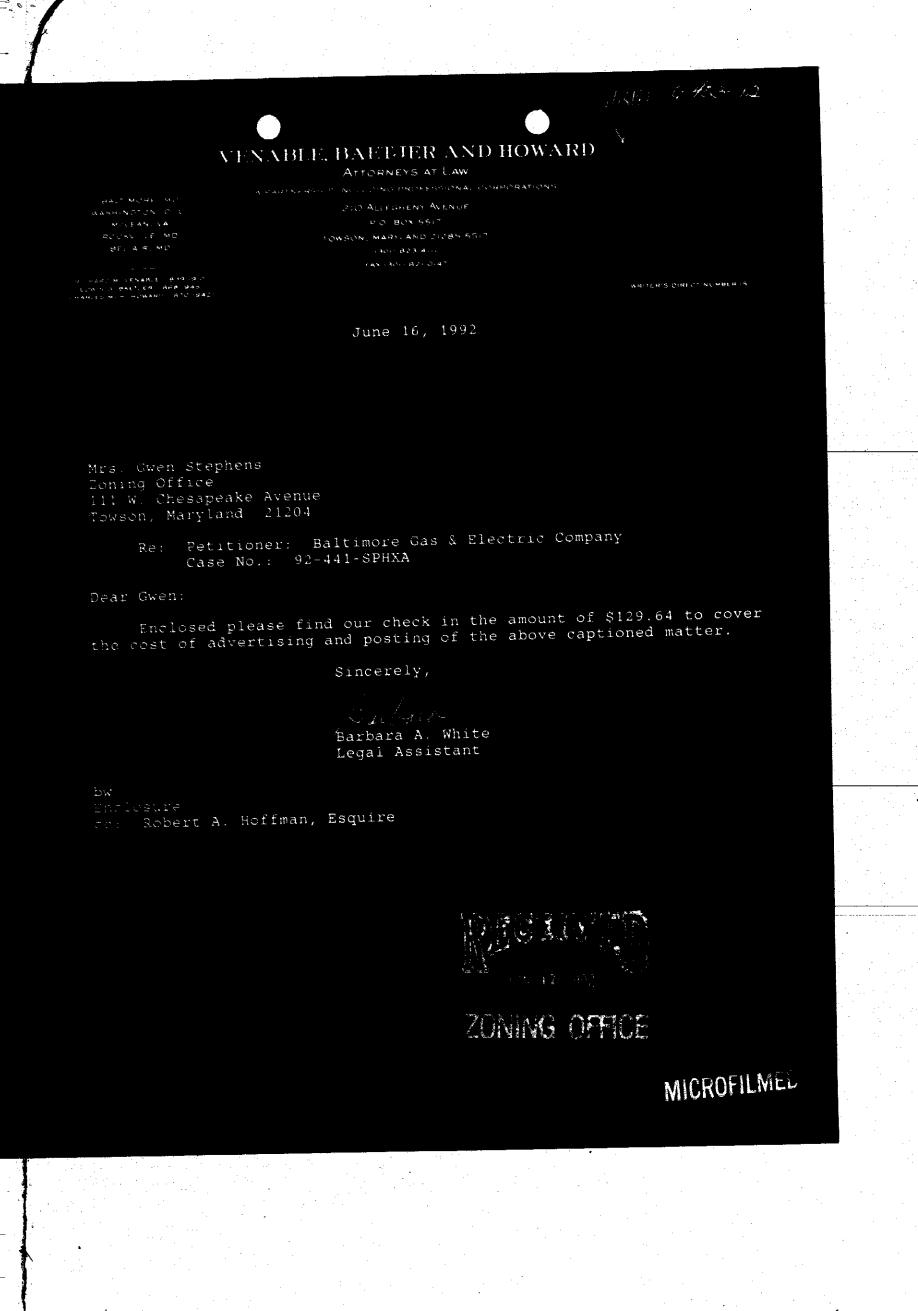
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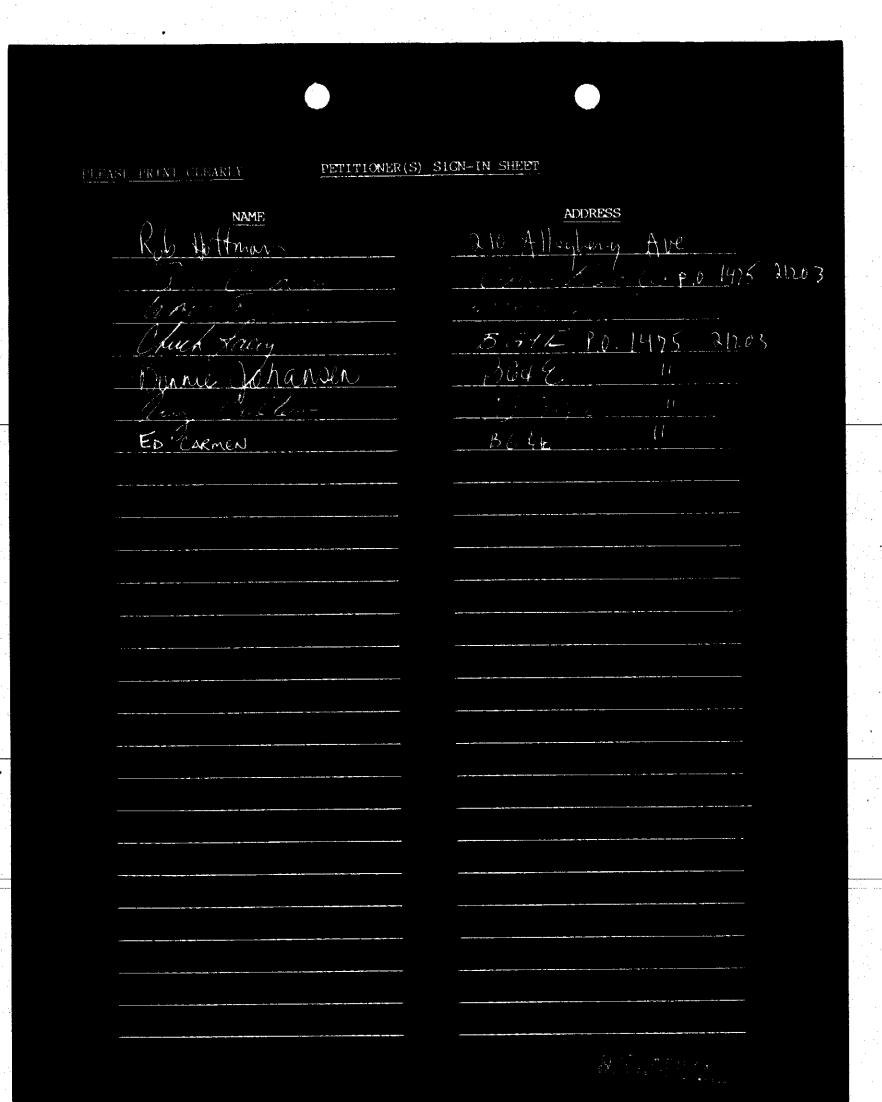
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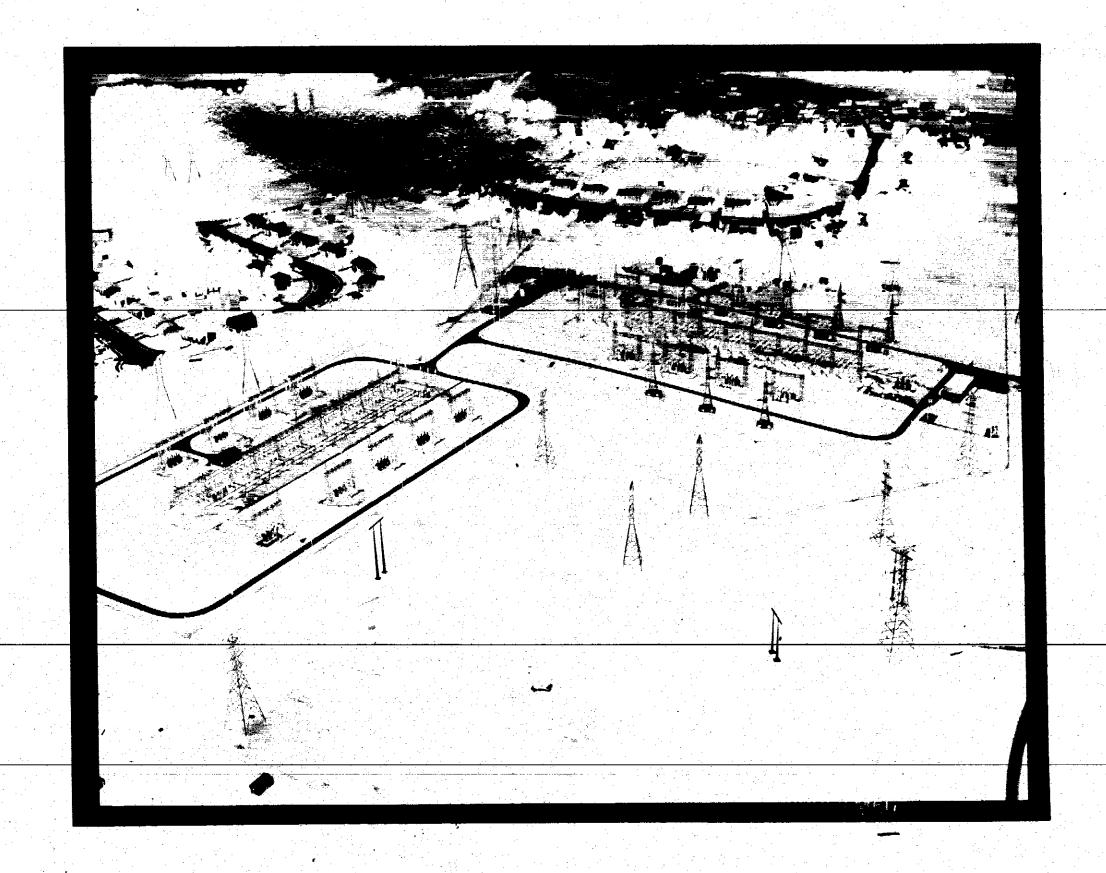
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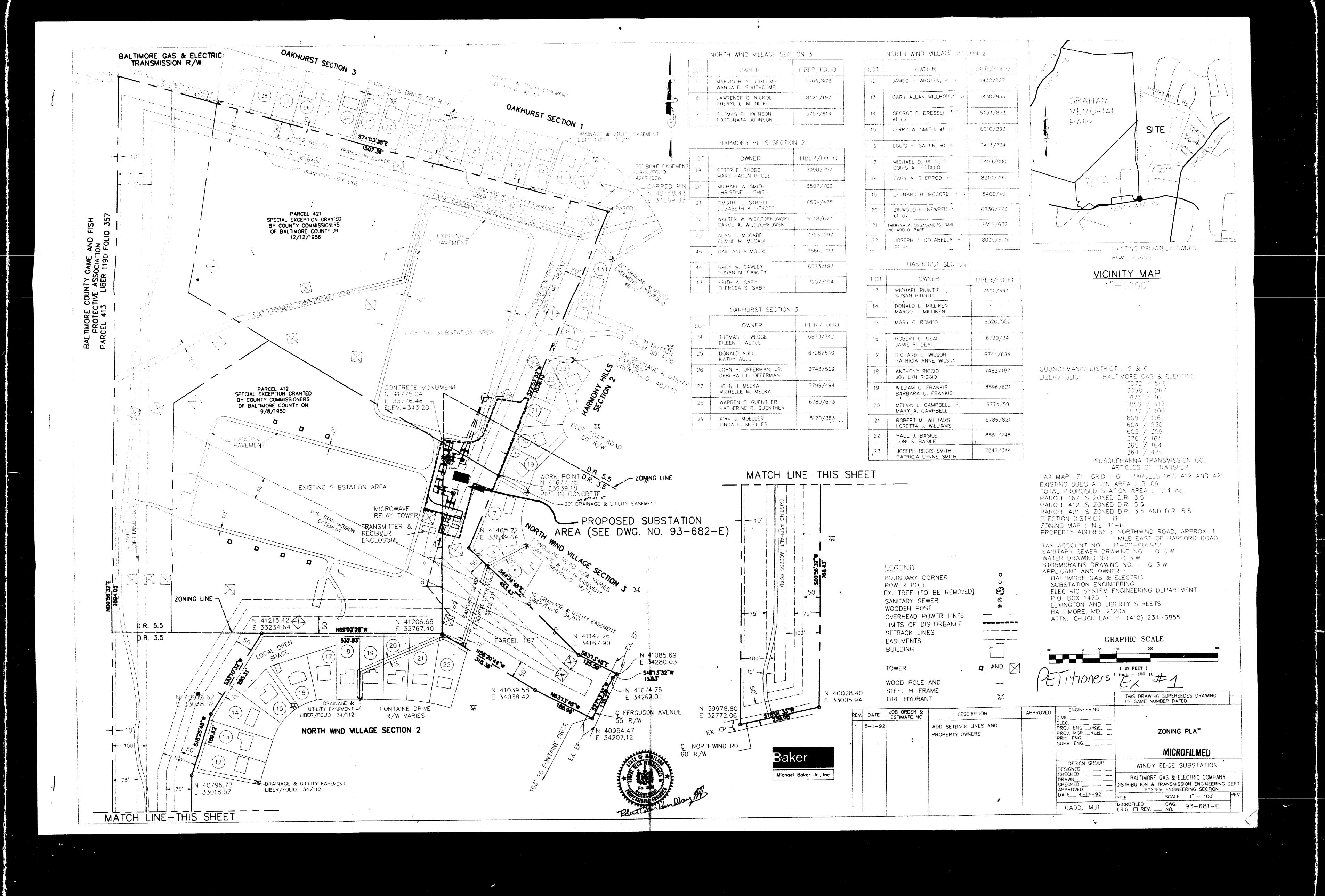
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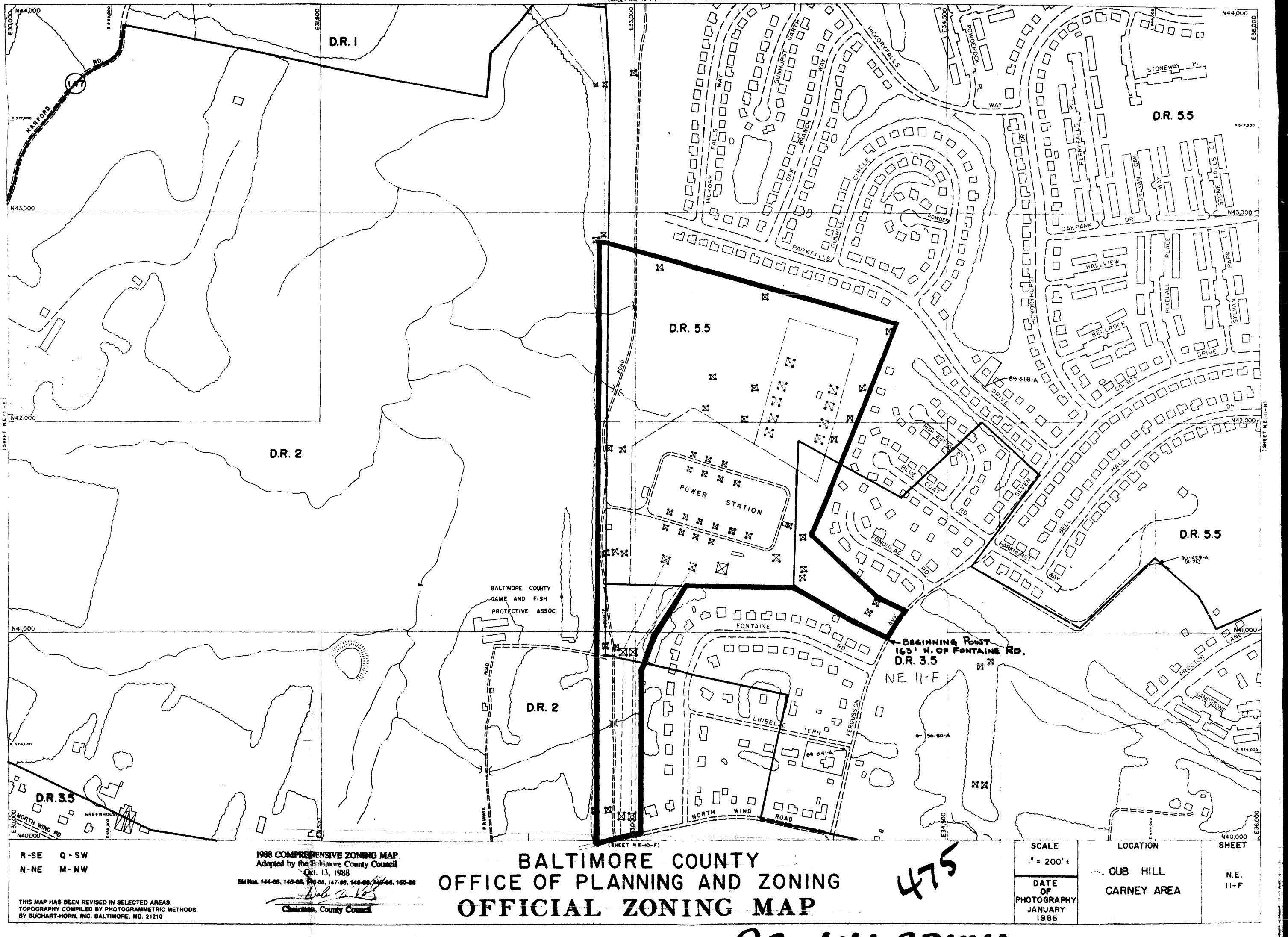
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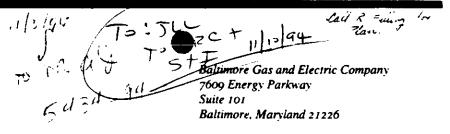






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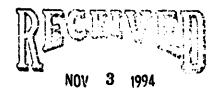




October 28, 1994



Mr. Arnold Jablon, Director Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management County Office Building 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204



Re: Section 26-171-a(7) Limited Exemption and Determination of Compliance with Spirit and Intent of Special Exception

Dear Mr. Jablon:

BGE owns and operates the Windy Edge Outdoor Electrical Substation located 1,200 feet north of North Wind Road, adjacent to our transmission line right-of-way, in Baltimore County. Windy Edge also contains a 200 foot communications tower and equipment building.

Our records indicate that two special exceptions were granted at this site: Case No. 1802-5, which granted construction of a substation and communications tower on September 9, 1950, and Case No. 92-441-SPHXA, allowing for the expansion of Windy Edge with a new distribution substation.

Associated with the communications tower is an existing 16' x 22' masonry shelter that houses BGE's communications equipment. BGE now requires an additional, larger enclosure to install its 800 Mhz radio system equipment and to allow Nextel and other communications companies to install their communications equipment at this

The proposed new unmanned enclosure will be located within our fenced substation on the south side of the existing shelter, in accordance with the attached location plan. The enclosure will be approximately 32' x 48' and we believe will meet all Baltimore County setback requirements. The existing communications equipment structure will be maintained on site.

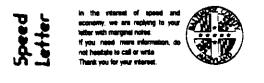
It is requested that you confirm that this new structure is a minor commercial structure under Section 26-171-a(7) and is within the spirit and intent of the original special exception approved on September 9, 1950

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Richard Filling Environmental Affairs

Yours truly,

cc: David Flowers, ZADM



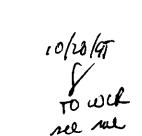
11th Election District

November 15, 1994

Dear Mr. Filling:

Along with an accompanying copy of this letter and response, please provide a red-lined copy of the approved site plans as approved in the zoning cases referenced in your letter indicating the loation of all proposed changes. A \$40.00 fee is required, made payable to Baltimore County. Please also provide a working. hours telephone number where the staff may contact you.

JLL:scj



5150-95 Baltimore Gas and Electric Company P.O. Box 1475 Baltimore, Maryland 21203-1475

October 19, 1995

Mr. Arnold Jablon, Director Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management County Office Building 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Determination of Compliance with Spirit and Intent of Special Exception

BGE owns and operates the Windy Edge Substation located at 3418 Northwind Road, adjacent to our transmission line right-of-way, in Baltimore County. Windy Edge also contains a 200 foot communications tower.

On October 28, 1994 BGE requested a Limited Exemption and a determination of Spirit and Intent of Special Exception. On December 29, 1994 we received confirmation that the Limited Exemption was granted (see attached) and we applied for a building permit on September 27, 1995. On October 19, 1995 we were told a determination on the Spirit and Intent was not addressed and that it was required in order for Zoning to approve Building Permit #B 249196

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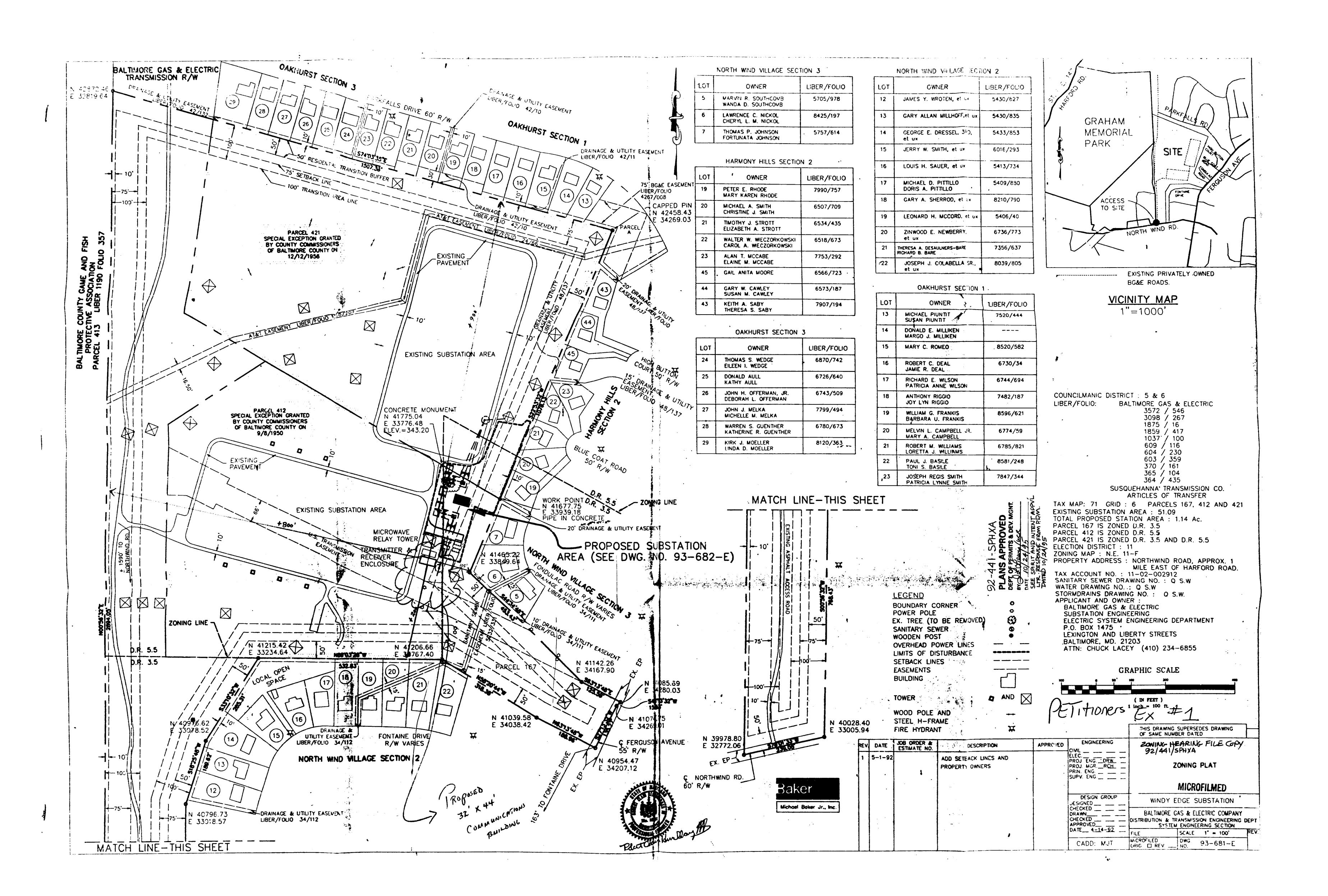
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It is requested that you confirm this new structure is within the Spirit and Intent of the original Special Exception(s).

PLEASE EXPEDITE AS THIS APPROVAL WAS PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED ON OCTOBER 28, 1994 AND A BUILDING PERMIT IS PENDING.

Please call me at 787-5130 if you have any questions on the above.

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Petitioner

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Deputy Zoning Commissioner as Petitions for Special Hearing, Special Exception and Zoning Variance filed by the legal owner of the subject property, Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, by and through its attorneys, John B. Howard, Esquire and Robert A. Hoffman, Esquire. More specifically, the Petitioner requests a special hearing to approve an amendment to the previously approved special exception to permit the construction of additional public utility service center facilities on the subject property; a special exception for the construction and operation of an outdoor electric public utility service center (electric substation in a D.R. zone); and a variance requesting relief from Sections 1801.1.B.1.e.3 and 1801.1.B.1.e.5 of Article 1B of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit the construction of public utility service center facilities (electric substation) in the 50-foot RTA buffer and 75-foot setback areas, and the construction of 115kV Circuit Interrupter Switch and transmission structures 40 feet in height within the 100-foot residential transition area in lieu of the 35-foot height limitation, if required by the Zoning Commissioner, all as more particularly described on Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Appearing on behalf of the Petitioner was William R. Colburn, Esquire, in-house counsel for Petitioner. Also appearing on behalf of the

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Petitioner were Walt Reiter, Real Estate Appraiser; Chuck Lacey, Project Manager for BG & E; Ray Cullen, Substation Planner for BG & E; and Bonnie Johansen and Ed Carmen, all of whom are associated with BG & E. There were no Protestants.

Testimony indicated that the subject property, known as the Windy Edge Substation, consists of 1.14 acres more or less, split zoned D.R. 3.5 and 5.5 and is part of a larger tract containing 51.09 acres of land. The subject 1.14 acre tract of land is the site of the proposed substation and is located off of Northwind Road, approximately 163 feet north of Fontaine Drive. The proffered testimony indicated that the proposed substation is necessary due to increased development in the surrounding area of Baltimore .County. Testimony indicated that this particular substation will also reduce the load on surrounding substations and will result in a more efficient and better distribution of electric to citizens in this area.

Testimony revealed that the proposed substation cannot be located in an area that is traversed by overhead power lines. Petitioner's Exhibit 2, an aerial photograph of the subject site, demonstrates that the proposed site is the only feasible location for the substation due to the many overhead power lines existing in this area. As a result of the limitations imposed by this site, the requested variances are necessary.

Testimony further revealed that the Petitioner approached several of the homeowners in the adjacent subdivisions, all of whom had no opposition to the Petitioner's request. It should be noted that the aerial photograph marked Petitioner's Exhibit 2 also evidenced that an adequate amount of screening and landscaping exists between the entire 51.09-acre tract and the two adjoining subdivisions known as Northwind Village, Section III, and Harmony Hills, Section II.

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After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is clear that practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship would result if the relief requested in the special hearing were not granted. has been established that the requirements from which the Petitioner seeks relief would unduly restrict the use of the land due to the special conditions unique to this particular parcel. In addition, the relief requested will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, and general welfare.

It is clear that the B.C.Z.R. permits the use proposed in the D.R. 3.5 and 5.5 zones by special exception. It is equally clear that the proposed use would not be detrimental to the primary uses in the vicinity Therefore, it must be determined if the conditions as delineated in Section 502.1 are satisfied.

The Petitioner had the burden of adducing testimony and evidence which would show that the proposed use met the prescribed standards and requirements set forth in Section 502.1 of the B.C.Z.R. The Petitioner has shown that the proposed use would be conducted without real detriment to the neighborhood and would not adversely affect the public interest. The facts and circumstances do not show that the proposed use at the particular location described by Petitioner's Exhibit 1 would have any adverse impact above and beyond that inherently associated with such a special exception use, irrespective of its location within the zone. Schultz v. Pritts, 432 A.2d 1319 (1981)

The proposed use will not be detrimental to the health. safety. or general welfare of the locality, nor tend to create congestion in roads, streets, or alleys therein, nor be inconsistent with the purposes of the property's zoning classification, nor in any other way be inconsistent with the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R.

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After reviewing all of the testimony and evidence presented, it appears that the special exception should be granted with certain restrictions as more fully described below.

An area variance may be granted where strict application of the zoning regulations would cause practical difficulty to the Petitioner and his property. McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973). To prove practical difficulty for an area variance, the Petitioner must meet the following:

> 1) whether strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily burdensome:

2) whether the grant would do substantial injustice to applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give substantial relief; and

3) whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

Anderson v. Bd. of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28

It is clear from the testimony that if the variance is granted, such use, as proposed, will not be contrary to the spirit of the B.C.Z.R. and will not result in any injury to the public good

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is clear that practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship will result if the variance is not granted. It has been established that special circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the land or structure which is the subject of this variance request and that the requirements from which the Petitioner seeks relief will unduly restrict the use of the land due to the special conditions unique to this particular parcel In addition, the variance requested will not cause any injury to the pub-

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Petition for Special Hearing

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County 92-441-5PHXA

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Special Hearing under Section 500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, to determine whether or not the Zoning Commissioner and/or Deputy Zoning Commissioner should approve

an amendment to existing special exceptions to permit the construction of additional public utility

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of the above Special Hearing advertising, posting, etc., upon fling of this Petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations

service center facilities on the site.

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lic health, safety or general welfare. Further, the granting of the Petitioner's request is in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on these Petitions held, and for the reasons given above, the relief requested in the special hearing, special exception and variance

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for day of July, 1992 that the Petition for Special Hearing to approve of an amendment to the previously approved special exception to permit the construction of additional public utility service center facilities on the subject property, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the restrictions set forth hereinafter; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Special Exception to permit the construction and operation of an outdoor electric public utility service center (electric substation in a D.R. zone), in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the restrictions set forth hereinafter; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Zoning Variance requesting relief from Sections 1801.1.B.1.e.3 and 1801.1.B.1.e.5 of Article 1B of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit the construction of public utility service center facilities (electric substaconstruction of public utility service center facilities (electric substation) in the 50-foot RTA buffer and 75-foot setback areas, and the construction of 115kV Circuit Interrupter Switch and transmission structures

40 feet in height within the 100-foot residential transition area in lieu in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restrictions:

> 1) The Petitioners may apply for their building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioners would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

2) Prior to the issuance of any permits, the Petitioner shall provide additional landscaping along the border of the proposed substation and the adjoining subdivisions known as Northwind Village, Section III, and Harmony Hills, Section II.

3) When applying for a building permit, the site plan and landscaping plan filed must reference this case and set forth and address the restrictions of this Order.

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July 9, 1992

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Case No. 92-441-SPHXA

RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING, SPECIAL EXCEPTION AND ZONING VARIANCE N/S Northwind Road, 163' N of Fontaine Drive, W of Ferguson Avenue (Windy Edge Substation) 11th Election District - 5th & 6th Councilmanic Districts Baltimore Gas & Electric Company - Petitioner

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petitions for Special Hearing, Special Exception and Zoning Variance have been granted in accordance with the attached

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact Ms. Charlotte Radcliffe at 887-3391.

> Very truly yours, TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO Deputy Zoning Commissioner

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cc: People's Counsel

for Baltimore County

Baltimore, MD 21203

I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property

which is the subject of this Petition

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Contract Purchaser/Leases: Legal Owner(s): Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (Type or Print Name) (Type or Print Name) By:

Signature H. D. Coss, Jr. Vice President
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Liectric Interconnection (Type or Print Name) Attorney for Petitioner: P. O. Box 1475 234-5669 John B. Howard, Esquire Address Phone No. Baltimore, NO 21203 City and State 210 Allegheny Avenue tract purchaser or representative to be contacted William E. Colburn, Esquire Name Baltimore Gas and Electric Company P. O. Box 1475 rney's Telephone No.: _594-5200 ESTIMATED LENGTH OF HEARING MON./TUES./WED. - NEXT TWO MONTHS